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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 3, 2004, Applicants hereby submit a copy of a Chinese Office Action dated July 29, 2005, together with an English language brief explanation of the relevancy of the citations, with respect to patent family member Chinese Patent Application No. 2003101138311, in which the following documents were cited:

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 57-119263, together with an English language Abstract of the same and an English language translation of the claims;

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Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. SHO 60-262069, together with an English language Abstract of the same and an English language translation of the claim; and

Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 11-218554, together with an English language Abstract of the same, and patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,320,389.

The relevance to each document, as ascertained by the Chinese Examiner, is set forth in the Chinese Office Action.

Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), a copy of the U.S. patent is not enclosed herewith. However, if a copy is needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

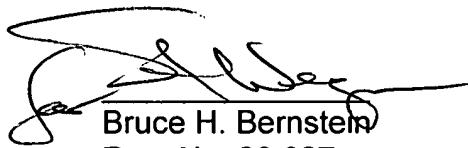
Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cited the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the above-noted documents are listed on the attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

Applicants furthermore certify that each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the Information Disclosure Statement, and thus no fee is required to ensure consideration of the submitted material.

Further, Applicants note that since this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted subsequent to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, Applicants have included herewith a check in the amount of \$180.00 to cover the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (p). However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any necessary additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully Submitted,
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